

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-542

ADDRESS: Kretzer's Market, southeast corner of E. Main and S. Mechanic Streets, Sharpsburg, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Masonic Temple Eureka Lodge, 712/1030, open to public during business hours

BUILDING DATE: 1887

Kretzer's Market is a north-facing, two-story, five-by-two-bay, brick, attached, social and commercial structure resting on a stone foundation. It is set directly at the public-right-of-way, on a corner lot on the town square. The facade facing the square is laid in Flemish bond, while the remaining elevations are laid in common bond. The flat roof is articulated by an Italianate cornice composed of brackets and modillions. The first floor has three entrances: the corner storefront, a secondary storefront facing S. Mechanic Street, and a tertiary entrance, also facing S. Mechanic. The storefront designs are characteristic of turn-of-the-century commercial architecture. The corner storefront is cut at an angle into the corner with show windows on the two elevations and a cast-iron column at the edge of the building to provide support to the story above. All windows are narrow, segmentally arched, double-hung, four-over-four sash. The wood frames have an ornamental motif directly below the arch. There is a one-story addition on the east side of the building, facing the town square.

A cornerstone on the building provides the construction date of 1887. The building was originally built to house a general store on the first floor and a masonic lodge on the second. This is noted on the 1922 Sanborn which numbers the building as 401 E. Main. The map also indicates that the one-story addition housed a cobbler (402) and a barber (403). The storefront facing S. Mechanic is numbered 322. The structure appears to have been part

of a single property that extended from the corner to the alleys in either direction. Today that property has been subdivided. The building continues to serve commercial purposes. The 1877 map of the town indicates that a Masonic Hall stood on this site before the construction of the extant building and that there was a structure at the location of the one-story East Main Street wing.

The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the Development Period of Industrial/Urban Dominance, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Social; Economic; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning.

Prepared by Julie Mueller, June 1991



103' WILLIAM H. CANFIELD 591/815	83' MICHAEL K. CRIST 888/753	110' JUDITH J. THOMAS 726/946	51.5' HOWARD E. BOYER 441/785	51.5' E.C. PALMER 241-648	51.5' HUBERT YOUNKER SR 704/580	104' JAMES E. ARDINGER 724/322	56' PEARL A. MARSHALL 608/546	51.5' RICHARD T. MARSHALL 441/408
103' ARTHUR A. MCCOY 722/451							60/807 RICHARD T. MARSHALL	131'

F. CHAPLINE

103' DAVID A. GROSS 260-407	103' CEMETERY	103' RICHARD L. MYERS 751/64	30.5' DANIEL A. MARSHALL 445/696	35' DORIS G. MARSHALL 276-426	21' DORIS G. MARSHALL 475/575	154.5' FRANCIS B. BURCH 414-649	206' JEFFREY C HULL 856/997
105 HAROLD T. DELAUNEY 593/844			171'				
ELIZABETH A. ULLENDORE 784/875							

CHURCH

101 JEFFREY T. STOFFER 687/303	105 ADRAIN GRIM 514/125	107 OTHA S. BENDER 732/1003	109 RALEIGH BENDER 207-644	113 JOSIAH HAMMOND 117-675	117 RICHARD J. BEAN 710/746	123 CH. OF THE BRETHREN	125 DONALD L. SHIELDS 827/314	127 WILLIAM C. LIND 859 / 1094	129 RICHARD T. LEATHERMAN SR. 669/390	133 LESTER R. PATTERSON 762/403	137 JEFFREY C. HULL 847/319	124' WILLIS C. BAKER 710/800
105	105	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	51.5'	52'	52'	103'	103'	124'

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105 MASONIC TEMPLE EUREKA LODGE 712/1030	105 COMM. HALL	110 HUGH C. SPELMAN 280-233	114 PAUL P. SPIELMAN 500/402	116 HAROLD MCGRAW 771/929	120 JEAN L. HARNE 885/130	122 DONALD H. KABLE 740/315	124 BONNARD J. MORGAN 808/1016	126 MARY A. MUNCH 849/42	128 ERNEST WETTERER 849/428	132 MINA A. MORRIS 706/926	130 EWING OIL CO., INC. 619/307	103' WILLIS C. BAKER 795/650
105 BOBBY CLIPP 520/426	105 ROY J. LAMILTON 11/119											87'
105 GENE H. MCCOY												

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51.5'

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CHARLES T

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